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benzothiophene, benzisoxazole, benzothiozole or benzopyrazole, then the optional substituent is not $-(CH_2)_2NR^4R^5$; and

R^3 is H, optionally substituted C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{3-6}alkenyl, C_{3-6}alkynyl, optionally substituted Ar-C_{0-6}alkyl, optionally substituted Het-C_{0-6}alkyl, or C_{3-7}cycloalkyl-C_{0-6}alkyl, C_{0-6}alkyl-C(O)X'AB, C_{0-6}alkyl-$S(O)_2$X'AB, C_{0-6}alkyl-X'AB, wherein X' is O, S, C or N; A and B are independently H, optionally substituted C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{3-6}alkenyl, C_{3-6}alkynyl, optionally substituted Ar-C_{0-6}alkyl, optionally substituted Het-C_{0-6}alkyl, C_{3-7}cycloalkyl-C_{0-6}alkyl, or A or B are independently absent, provided that the compound is not 5-anilino-3-benzylthio-1,2,4-triazole, 3-(4-methyl-anilino)-5-benzylthio-1,2,4-triazole, 3-(2-methyl-anilino)-5-benzylthio-1,2,4-triazole, 3-(4-methoxy-anilino)-5-benzylthio-1,2,4-triazole, 3-(2-methoxy-anilino)-5-benzylthio-1,2,4-triazole, or 3-ethyl-3-anilino-5-benzylthio-1,2,4-triazole.

REMARKS

The above-identified application is being entered into the National Phase from PCT Application No. PCT/US00/26951.

The claims are 1-21, with claims 1, 6, 11, 16 and 21 being independent. Claim 16 has been amended. Support for this amendment may be found in the specification at page 7, lines 11-12 and at page 9, lines 21-22.

No new matter has been introduced.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned **"Version with markings to show changes made."**

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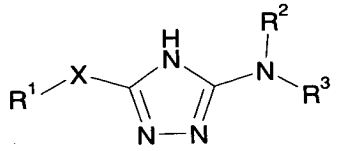
16. (Amended) A compound of formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof:



Formula (I)

wherein,

X is S or O;

R^1 is optionally substituted C_{2-6}alkyl, C_{3-6}alkenyl, C_{3-6}alkynyl, [optionally substituted Ar-C_{0-6}alkyl, optionally substituted Het-C_{0-6}alkyl, or] C_{3-7}cycloalkyl-C_{0-6}alkyl, optionally substituted Het-C_1alkyl or optionally substituted Ar-C_{0-6}alkyl, wherein Ar is an optionally substituted phenyl or naphthyl group;

R^2 is optionally substituted C_{2-6}alkyl, C_{3-6}alkenyl, C_{3-6}alkynyl, optionally substituted Ar-C_{0-6}alkyl, optionally substituted Het-C_{0-6}alkyl, C_{3-7}cycloalkyl-C_{0-6}alkyl, provided that when R^2 is optionally substituted Het-C_0alkyl, and Het is indole, benzofuran, benzothiophene, benzisoxazole, benzothiozole or benzopyrazole, then the optional substituent is not $-(CH_2)_2NR^4R^5$; and

R^3 is H, optionally substituted C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{3-6}alkenyl, C_{3-6}alkynyl, optionally substituted Ar-C_{0-6}alkyl, optionally substituted Het-C_{0-6}alkyl, or C_{3-7}cycloalkyl-C_{0-6}alkyl, C_{0-6}alkyl-C(O)X'AB, C_{0-6}alkyl-$S(O)_2$X'AB, C_{0-6}alkyl-X'AB, wherein X' is O, S, C or N; A and B are independently H, optionally substituted C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{3-6}alkenyl, C_{3-6}alkynyl, optionally substituted Ar-C_{0-6}alkyl, optionally substituted Het-C_{0-6}alkyl, C_{3-7}cycloalkyl-C_{0-6}alkyl, or A or B are independently absent, provided that the compound is not 5-anilino-3-benzylthio-1,2,4-triazole, 3-(4-methyl-anilino)-5-benzylthio-1,2,4-triazole, 3-(2-methyl-anilino)-5-benzylthio-1,2,4-triazole, 3-(4-methoxy-anilino)-5-benzylthio-1,2,4-triazole, 3-(2-methoxy-anilino)-5-benzylthio-1,2,4-triazole, or 3-ethyl-3-anilino-5-benzylthio-1,2,4-triazole.